

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, and 6-17 are pending in the application and are at issue.

The sole rejection of claims 1, 4, and 6-17 is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over coowned U.S. Patent No. 6,436,716. In view of the timely filed terminal disclaimer submitted concurrently with this response, it is submitted that this rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

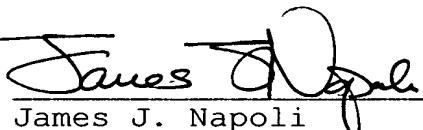
In summary, because the sole rejection of the claims has been overcome, it is submitted that all pending claims are in proper form and scope for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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